

**REMARKS**

Amended claim 17 and claims 18-35 are in this application.

Claims 17-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yasuda et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,946,792).

During the telephone interview held on September 29, 2003 between the Examiner and Damon Treitler (one of Applicants' undersigned attorneys), for which the Examiner is thanked, the Examiner stated that claims 17-35 as presented herein overcome the current 102 rejection (See interview summary dated September 29, 2003).

Dependent claims 21 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yasuda as applied to claims 17-20 and 22-35 above, and further in view of Movshovich et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,438,145 B1).

The Examiner appears to rely on Movshovich only for the features recited in claims 21 and 23. Since claims 21 and 23 depend ultimately from amended claim 17 (which the Examiner stated overcomes the rejection based on Yasuda), Applicants submit that claims 21 and 23 are distinguishable from the applied combination of Yasuda and Movshovich.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. An early notice to this effect is respectfully solicited.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0320 for any fees that may be necessary in connection with the filing of this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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